Umbellifers in Edinburgh / Lothians
With Stringy Leaves

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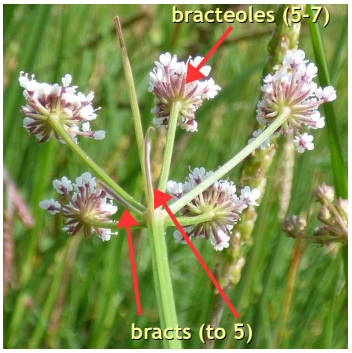
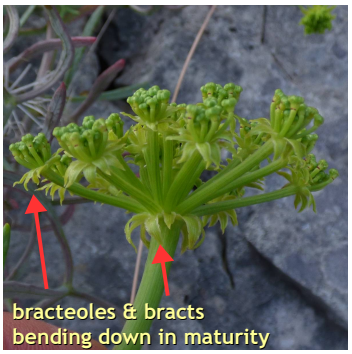
Standard Species

Parsley Water-Dropwort - Gullane, Stenton (marshes, often salty) - Oenanthe lachenalii - Map



Rock Samphire - Coast N & S of Dunbar (on rocks) - Crithmum maritimum - Map



Lesser Marshwort - Rare (nr Broxburn, Duddingston, Lasswade, Roslin, Pentlands, Dunbar) - Apium inundatum - Map

• Not really stringy but included just in case...

Pic: Inge Nagstrup on fugleognatur.dk

Fennel - Occasional, particularly city and E coast - Foeniculum vulgare - Map

Special Qualities: Crushed leaves smell of fennel. (Seeds little flattened.)

Subspecies: ssp sativum, dulce, vulgare:- STEM 100-250, to 30, to 100 cm; LV seg usu >10mm x 2, usu <10mm, flaccid x 2, rigid & fleshy & sometimes purply bronzy; PETIOLES not markedly swollen, greatly at base, not; TERM UMBEL not overtopped by side ones x 2, often; RAYS 12-25(40), 12-25, 4-10; FRUIT sweet x 2, sharp

Tubular Water-Dropwort - ancient record city + Fife - Oenanthe fistulosa - Map

Image Gallery: british-wild-flowers.co.uk

Similar: Some of the leaves of this may look like Parsley Water-Dropwort above but:- bracts 0, bracteoles 7-16, fruit 3-4 mm.

Pics: A. Mrkvicka at flora.nhm-wien.ac.at

Aliens Rarely Spotted

Coriander - Rare casual (Fife, Kelso & nearby Greenlaw + Fishwick) (UK: infrequent alien) - Coriandrum sativum - Map

Smells of coriander; bracts usu 0, bracteoles usu 3; main umbel spokes few 2-5(10); flowers white or purplish with outer petals much larger.

Dill - V rare casual (1 Leith, 1 Blackford) (UK: infrequent alien) - Anethum graveolens - Map

Like Fennel, fine-leafy, but:- smells of dill, leaves dense and limp, stem hollow, flowers yellow, seeds much flattened.

Tall x Blue Eryngo - 1 rec Aberlady - Eryngium giganteum x planum = E. x oliverianum - Map

Records from Nearby the Region

Toothpick-Plant - 1 rec Fife, 2 Melrose - Ammi visnaga - Map
Caraway - ancient occasional records - Carum carvi - Map
Ajowan - Glasgow (rare UK casual mostly London & Manchester) - Trachyspermum ammi - Map

Info

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